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1. US FORCES CITED IN OUR 12865 REFERS TO ALL US MILITARY COMMANDS IN ITALY PLUS SIXTH FLEET. AS MENTIONED IN REF C., TOTAL ALSO INCLUDES SOME US MILITARY PURCHASES ON BEHALF NATO CONSUMERS WHICH ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO 60 PERCENT REDUCTION. AMOUNT NOT DETERMINED BUT IS SMALL.

2. EXPENDITURES IN ITALY FOR POL FOR SIXTH FLEET ALONE TOTAL ABOUT \$46.5 MILLION. THIS FIGURE BASED ON QUANTITIES DELIVERED AND TO BE DELIVERED UNDER ONE YEAR CONTRACTS NOW IN FORCE WITH VARYING DATES OF TERMINATION. ACTUAL CONSUMPTION DATA IN PAST YEAR NOT READILY AVAILABLE. INCREASED PRICE FIGURE OVER FY 72 FIGURE CITED REF B IS ATTRIBUTABLE AT LEAST IN PART TO SUBSTANTIAL PRICE INCREASES IN RECENTLY NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS.

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3. OVERVIEW OF SUPPLY SITUATION AS FOLLOWS: ESSO ITALIANA IS

VIRTUALLY EXCLUSIVE SUPPLIER JP-5 NAVAL JET FUEL, EXCLUSIVE SUPPLIER AVIATION AND MOTOR GASOLINE (BULK AND RETAIL COUPON SALES), AND HEATING OIL WITH THE IMPORTANT FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS: AVGAS AND MOGAS FOR AVAIANO AND VICENZA WHICH ARE SUPPLIED BY NATO PIPELINE FROM LA SPEZIA; HEATING OIL FOR ALL NORTHERN COMMANDS RECEIVED FROM AMOCO WHICH NOT YET RESTRICTED.

4. ESSO ALSO SUPPLIES ABOUT 70 PERCENT DIESEL FUEL NEEDS TO SCATTERED US AND NATO COMMUNICATIONS SITES. BUNKERING SUPPLIES ARE SHARED WITH MOBIL AND SAROM: ESSO FURNISHES ABOUT 45 PERCENT NAVY SPECIAL (RELATIVELY SMALL ITEM) AND 70 PERCENT NAVY DISTILLATE.

5. BUNKER FLEXIBILITY AT PRESENT PARTICULARLY REDUCED BY TEMPORARY CLOSING NATO FUEL DEPOT CAGLIARI FOR PIER REPAIRS AND CONVERSION OF FUEL FACILITY GAETA TO NAVY DISTILLATE. THUS SIXTH FLEET CAN NOW FUEL IN ITALY ONLY FROM ESSO SUPPLIES AT AUGUSTA, SICILY. VOLPE

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